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Request

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**Request
description**

February 11, 2022 Dear EPA FOIA office, On December 23, 2021 a Notice by the Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was posted on the Federal Register: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA), Office of the Administrator is giving notice that it proposes to modify the Reasonable Accommodation Management System (RAMS) pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. This system of records stores and maintains reasonable accommodation request files for EPA employees and applicants for employment. EPA is updating the RAMS SORN to reflect the explicit inclusion of requests for religious accommodations in addition to medical accommodations. The notice can be located at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/12/08/2021-26432/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records> Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I respectfully request the following documents (or documents containing the following information):

1. For the period of August 1, 2021 to the present, all communications (to include emails and text messages) exchanged between or amongst EPA employees, and White House staff, the National Institute of Health, the Office of Management and Budget, the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration regarding the reference noticed.
2. Any memos, documents, or other papers related to the referenced notice.
3. All correspondence with the White House or Office of Management and Budget directing the EPA to notice and modify system records as done in the referenced notice.
4. A list of all meetings (virtual or in-person) or calls regarding the referenced notice.
5. A screenshot of the system of records sufficient to identify all categories of collected information. Please redact all personally identifiable information.
6. Documents sufficient to identify the total number of individuals who have their information stored in the system of records.
7. Any correspondence to EPA employees regarding the collection of information to be stored in the system of records.
8. All correspondence between EPA employees and political appointees of other executive branch agencies regarding the collection of information of federal employees who have requests for exemptions from vaccine mandates.
9. All correspondence sent to EPA who were not granted exemptions from any vaccine mandate. To the extent that potentially responsive documents contain agency notes or information on internal agency deliberations, I respectfully request that these records be provided with such information redacted. Additionally, if you believe that any potentially responsive records include any personal, commercial, or proprietary information, I respectfully request that these records be provided with such information completely redacted. Because this is a request by the news media for information of public interest, made in my capacity as an author for the Daily Signal (a major news outlet), I request that you waive all applicable fees associated with this request. Release of this information is in the public interest because it will significantly contribute to the public understanding of whether federal employees' constitutional rights are being protected as the government seeks to collect bulk information on said employees' religious beliefs. This issue has already generated major public interest and media attention (see: <https://www.dailysignal.com/2022/01/15/18-more-federal-agencies-eye-making-vaccine-religious-objector-lists/>). If you deny this request for a fee waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges if they are to exceed \$50. Please send me a detailed and itemized explanation of those charges. Please respond to this request in a reasonable time period. In the interest of expediency and to minimize the research and/or duplication burden on your staff, please send records electronically if possible. If this is not possible, please notify me before sending to the mailing address listed below. If access to this request will take longer than seven (7) business days, please let me know when I might expect copies or be able to inspect the requested records. In all cases, please communicate with me at the below telephone number or email address. If any portion of this request is denied for any reason, please provide written notice of the records or portions of records that are being withheld and

Supporting documentation

Fees

Request category ID media

Fee waiver yes

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Willing to pay 50

Expedited processing

Expedited Processing no

Explanation This is matter is urgent. Federal employees deserve to know how their information regarding religious affiliations and other private information is stored. This has already received significant national attention and federal policymakers on Capitol Hill are contemplating legislative solutions. Since information is either already stored or in the process of being stored, public disclosure of this information in this request is timely and urgent.